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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION SECSTATE FROM TEHRAN AUG 19:

QUOTE S E C R E T TEHRAN 7401

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CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. XGDS-1

TAGS: MASS, IS, IR

SUBJ: ISRAELI-IRAN CO-PRODUCTION

1. MOSHE DAYAN IS SECRETLY IN TEHRAN, BRIEFING SHAH ON YOUR TRIP AND FOLLOWING UP ON ISRAEL-IRAN CO-PRODUCTION PLANS. HE HAS MISREPRESENTED YOUR POSITION ON LATTER ISSUE TO IRANIANS.

2. GENERAL TOUFANIAN TOLD ME EVENING AUGUST 18 THAT DAYAN SAID YOU HAD "BLESSED" THE CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM WHEN IN ISRAEL. I TOLD TOUFANIAN THAT WAS INCORRECT. I ASKED HIM TO TELL SHAH THAT YOU
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HAD SAID YOU APPROVED IN PRINCIPLE OF CO-PRODUCTION, BUT WOULD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH CERTAIN ITEMS, SUCH AS MISSILES. I POINTED OUT THAT ISRAELIS HAD NEVER DISCUSSED WITH YOU THE TYPE OF WEAPONS INVOLVED.

3. TOUFANIAN SAID THAT THERE WERE ONLY TWO U.S. ELEMENTS IN THE SYSTEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION. FIRST IS A MIXER (PRESUMABLY FOR

PROPULSION FUEL) WHICH IRAN WOULD HAVE TO IMPORT FROM U.S.
SECOND IS A GYRO-STABILIZER, WHICH IS MANUFACTURED UNDER U.S.
LICENSE IN ISRAEL.

4. I SAID THAT THE SIZE AND NATURE OF THE U.S. COMPONENTS WERE
INCIDENTAL TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE ISRAELIS MUST SEEK FORMAL
U.S. CONCURRENCE IN THE ACTUAL SYSTEM TO BE PRODUCED. THE "BLESSING"
THEY RECEIVED FROM YOU DID NOT RPT NOT EXPLICITLY INVOLVE THE
SYSTEMS UNDER DISCUSSION. I URGED HIM TO HAVE THE ISRAELIS
DISCUSS SPECIFICS WITH THE U.S. RATHER THAN VAGUE GENERALITIES.

5. IN ORDER AVOID FURTHER DELIBERATE OBFUSCATION ON THIS MATTER,
I SUGGEST YOU CALL IN ISRAELIS AND INFORM THEM OF DETAILED
SYSTEMS WHICH IRANIANS HAVE DISCUSSED WITH US, GIVING THEM YOUR
VIEWS ON THESE PARTICULAR ITEMS, AS DISTINCT FROM GENERALIZED
SUBJECT OF CO-PRODUCTION IN PRINCIPLE.

6. WHILE WE ARE ON SUBJECT OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS. I WOULD ALSO URGE
YOU TO ASK DEFENSE TO SEND VON MARBOD HERE IMMEDIATELY TO
IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT ON AWACS WHICH YOU INSTRUCTED ME TO WORK
OUT WITH THE SHAH. UNLESS WE HAVE IRANIAN CONSENT TO THE "ASSUR-
ANCES" WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO GIVE THE SENATE, WE CAN NOT RPT NOT,
IN GOOD FAITH, PROCEED WITH THE ACTIONS YOU AND THE PRESIDENT
HAVE TOLD THE SHAH THAT YOU WOULD UNDERTAKE.

7. GOOD LUCK IN CHINA. SULLIVAN UNQUOTE VANCE
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